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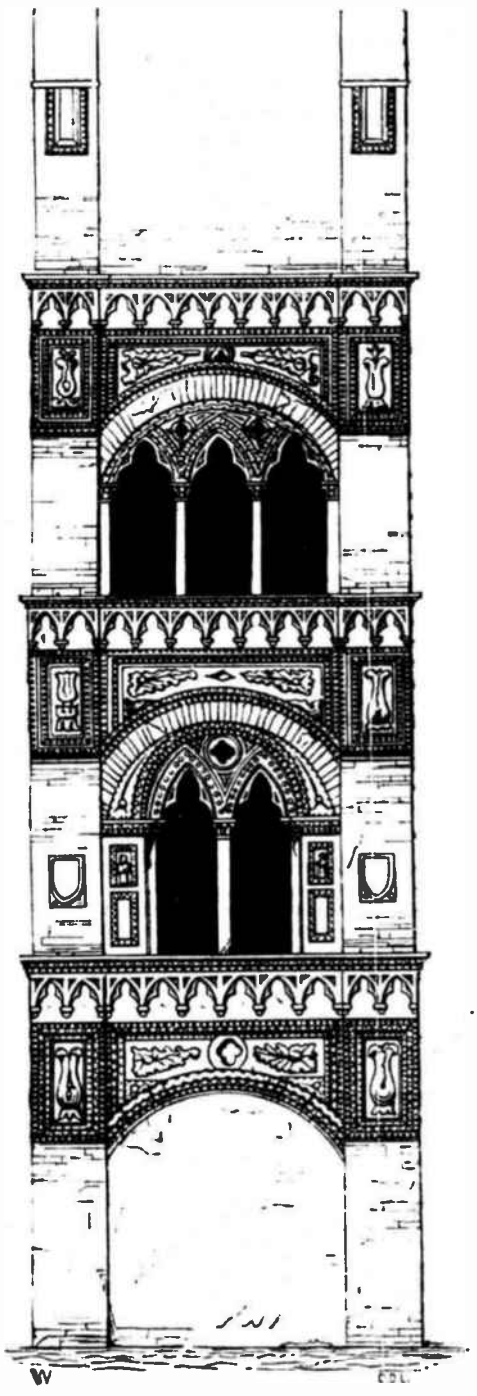

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This drawing illustrates a palace on the Lung' Arno, Pisa. The front is of terra cotta, and in four compartments, the one drawn being the most perfect. It is of a Romanesque Gothic character, and is now used as an ordinary dwelling-house.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

Windsor.—The painting and decorations of the Court-room of the Town-hall are now nearly completed, according to the local *Express*, and the portraits have been arranged in something like uniformity on the walls. Empty spaces by the side of the Recorder's seat will shortly be filled by full-length portraits of Queen Victoria and her royal Consort.

Brentwood.—The Grammar school foundation, after twenty-five years' litigation in the Court of Chancery, at an enormous expense, is now made available for the education of the youth of the district. The old school-house has been repaired, and will be used until the new schools, which will be on an extensive scale, are erected: these will be arranged to accommodate from five to six hundred boys.

Frocester.—The church has been rebuilt with the exception of portions of the chancel, viz. the east and north walls, which are patched up, and pointed. The church consists of a nave, with south porch, a north aisle and a chapel, a tower, with a spire, on the north side, and a chancel. The north aisle has been lengthened westwards, and this aisle is separated from the nave by circular pillars supporting two centered arches. The sittings are all open and low, having carved bench ends and moulded capping. The floor of the church, except the chancel, is laid with black and red tiles, in pattern. The roofs are covered with stone tile. The dimensions of the church are, nave, 58 feet by 15 feet; north aisle and chapel, 76 feet 6 inches by 13 feet 6 inches; chancel, 23 feet 6 inches by 15 feet; south porch, 8 feet 6 inches by 8 feet 6 inches; tower, 9 feet by 9 feet. Mr. Niblett was the architect; Messrs. Coleman, the carpenters, and Messrs. Wall and Hook, the masons.

Upton-on-Severn.—The late floods have done some good it seems by washing away Upton bridge,—a vexatious impediment to the improved navigation of the Severn.

Birmingham.—The governors of the free grammer school of King Edward the Sixth have lately erected a fourth branch school, in Bath-row. The building, which will accommodate 150 boys and an equal number of girls, was erected by Messrs. Branson and Gwyther, from the designs of Mr. J. L. Hornblower, at a cost of upwards of 2,000*l.* and will, it is expected, be opened early in March.

Shirley.—New schools have been erected in connection with the church. The building is in the Perpendicular style, from plans supplied by Mr. A. E. Perkins, architect to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, and erected under the contract of Mr. G. Madeley, of Solihull.

Wellington.—The ceremony of turning the first sod of the Wellington Water Works took place on the 6th instant. The site of the works is at the foot of the Wrekin. The reservoir will cover a space of eight acres: it will be 150 feet above the level of the Wellington Market-place, and will hold 15,000,000 gallons of water, being more than sufficient to supply the town for six months.

Wolverhampton.—The report of Mr. Ewan Christian, architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, on the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, describing its present dilapidated and wasting condition, and the measures to be taken for its restoration and substantial repair, has just been printed for circulation. It appears from this report that the total charge for repair and restoration will be—for repair of masonry and for drainage, 3,337*l.*; repair and renewal of roofs, 2,000*l.*; re-glazing, 193*l.*; contingencies, 470*l.*; total, 6,000*l.* Of this sum, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have promised to contribute 3,000*l.* provided the remaining funds needed are raised by private subscription, and without delay.

Newark.—It is proposed to repew the church of St. Mary, at a cost of 4,000*l.* to 5,000*l.* upwards of 1,200*l.* of which have been subscribed, and 1,000*l.* more are in the hands of the vicar. A premium, it is said, will be offered for the best plan, to be decided on by a committee to be appointed for that purpose.

Laceby.—The Wesleyans of Laceby, near Grimsby, are about to erect a large chapel, in the Gothic style of architecture, in that village. The tenders of the Messrs. Johnson, of Laceby, and of Mr. William Shepherd and Mr. William Pybus, of Caistor, for the execution of the work, have been accepted.

Sunderland.—A new building has been commenced in Lambton-street, Sunderland, to be called the Lyceum Hall. It is to comprise seventeen rooms, adapted as offices, committee-rooms, &c. and a hall 90 feet by 48 feet, capable of holding 1,800 persons, being the largest in Sunderland. Besides this, there will be two others on the ground floor, capable of holding 500 or 600 persons. The whole is to be ventilated and heated by a hot-water apparatus. The building is expected to be completed in July next.

Edinburgh.—The laying of water pipes leading into and out from the reservoir just erected on the Castle-hill has been completed and the water admitted. The reservoir is calculated to hold about 1,700,000 gallons of water, and it is fitted up with numerous pipes leading directly from the sources, and others distributing it arterially throughout the town, while an overflow pipe will render any excess of water useful in flushing the sewers. A large water tank of iron is now also almost completed within the Castle, near the Mons Meg Battery. The exterior of the tank somewhat appropriately resembles a castellated tower.

Glasgow.—The Commissioners of Woods and Forests have ordered the removal of the galleries in the Cathedral. The floor of the choir is used as the place of worship, and is capable of being reseated in the Presbyterian manner: by the removal of the gallery stairs and other fixtures, an unbroken view will be

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